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25X1 young nautical ship's officers, who more and more replaced pre-war mariners, received training of high standard. [REDACTED] the training of Polish nautical officers took about seven years, with all candidates required to hold a high school certificate. The training program included a two-year period aboard sail school ship DAR PO MORZA and several years of theoretical instruction and political indoctrination at the navigation school in Gdynia, and instruction in Russian, German and English. The training period also included thorough pre-military training for future reserve officers of the Polish navy. [REDACTED] in the future, young merchant ship officers would be drafted for regular training periods with the navy. [REDACTED] after completing seven years of training, the age classes would gradually get appointments. [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] the new age classes would soon replace unreliable elements among the shipmasters; [REDACTED] there would be no shortage of nautical officers, as the postwar age classes of Polish nautical officers were numerous. [REDACTED] Polish shipmasters were frequently declared enemy of the people. [REDACTED] the young Polish nautical officers were an elite of the Polish nation who refused alcohol and nicotine and were fanatic communists.

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